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SUMMARY: APPROXIMATELY 300 DEMONSTRATORS INCLUDING ABOUT
50-60 MEMBERS OF THE KBW PROTESTED BRIEFLY AND WITHOUT INCIDENT
AGAINST PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENTS FOR US TROOPS AT
DUEPPEL AUGUST 20. END SUMMARY

1. PLANNED DEMONSTRATION AUGUST 20, ORGANIZED BY ZEHLENDORF
CITIZENS' INITIATIVE GROUPS, LED BY WAEHLERGEMEINSCHAFT
UNABHAENGIGE BUEGER (WUB) AGAINST PLANNED CONSTRUCTION OF
250 APARTMENTS FOR US TROOPS AT DUEPPEL (REFTEL B) LASTED ONE-
AND-ONE-HALF HOURS INCLUDING MARCHING TIME, SPEECHES AND
"DEMONSTRATIONS" NEAR CONSTRUCTION SITE. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS
INVOLVING POLICE WHO KEPT DISTANCE AND ACTED POLITELY THROUGH-
OUT MARCH AND SPEECHES. ONLY ARGUMENTS AND DISAGREEABLE
SCENES OCCURRED BETWEEN GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 50 HARD CORE
KBW DEMONSTRATORS AND MEMBERS OF CITIZENS' INITIATIVE
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GROUPS.

2. AS PLANNED, DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED AT RATHAUS
ZEHLENDORF BY 10:30 HOURS SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AND MARCHED
TO DUEPPEL FIELD SOME TWO KILOMETERS DISTANCE. ACCORD-
IN TO USBER OBSERVER, DEMONSTRATORS GRAVITATED INTO
TWO GROUPS MOST OF THE TIME, WITH GREEN LISTS AND

CITIZENS' INITIATIVE GROUPS KEEPING DISTANCE FROM KBW DEMONSTRATORS WHO CAME EQUIPPED WITH STANDARD FLAGS AND ALL-PURPOSE BANNERS AND PLACARDS ATTACKING US AS IMPERIALISTS AND DEMANDING THAT (BOTH) SUPER POWERS LEAVE BERLIN AND CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY FOR THE TWO GERMANIES. DEMONSTRATORS NEVER ACTUALLY OCCUPIED PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SITE, BUT GATHERED IN ADJACENT FIELD SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS AWAY WHERE DEMONSTRATION LEADERS, INCLUDING WUB'S WALTHER GRUENWALD, SPOKE BRIEFLY BEFORE CROWD, WHICH NEVER NUMBERED MORE THAN 300-400.

3. SPEAKERS BEGAN BY INSISTING THEY HAD NO ANTI-AMERICAN FEELINGS, AND INDEED RECOGNIZED THEY HAD THE AMERICANS TO THANK FOR THEIR FREEDOM AND THEIR RIGHT TO GATHER TO PROTEST. THEY APPEALED TO COMMANDANT TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION, HOWEVER, AND CRITICIZED GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE, DISTRICT MAYOR ROTHKEGEL (CDU) AND OTHER POLITICIANS AS WELL AS ALL THE POLITICAL PARTIES FOR HAVING FAILED TO DO A PROPER JOB OF PLANNING. KBW SPEAKERS ATTEMPTED ON ONE OCCASION TO ADDRESS THE MAIN BODY OF DEMONSTRATORS BUT WERE MADE TO FEEL UNWELCOME. AFTER MAIN BODY OF DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN TO DISBURSE, APPROXIMATELY 80 PERSONS REMAINED BEHIND TO HEAR KBW SPEAKERS. NON-COMMUNIST PARTICIPANTS WHO REMAINED IN AREA EXPRESSED DISGUST AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATTACKED KBW SPEAKERS VERBALLY, BUT NO PHYSICAL CONFLICTS AROSE.

4. AFTER MAIN BODY OF DEMONSTRATORS DISBANDED AROUND 11:45, SMALL KNOT OF KBW DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED BACK TO ZEHLENDORF, CARRYING BANNERS AND FLAGS. THEY DISBURSED FROM ZEHLENDORF AROUND 1200 NOON. RUMORED KBW DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AMERIKA HAUS NEVER MATERIALIZED.

5. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN LIGHT AND FACTUAL. ORDERLINESS OF DEMONSTRATORS AND PRESENCE OF KBW WAS FOCAL POINT OF PRESS REPORTS.

6. KBW HAS CALLED FOR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAIN EVENING OF AUGUST 22.

7. USCOB CONCURS. NELSON

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